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MEXICAN CITIZEN SENTENCED TO PRISON FOR SMUGGLING 11 YEAR OLD BOY

TUCSON – Sandra Ramirez, 23, a citizen of Mexico and resident of Phoenix, was sentenced here to 15 months in prison, by U.S. District Judge John M. Roll. Ramirez had pleaded guilty on November 2, 2006, to Conspiracy to Transport Illegal Aliens for Profit.

Ramirez admitted that on September 21, 2006, she entered the Nogales (Grand Avenue) Port Of Entry via the pedestrian lane with a 11-year-old boy, later identified as a Mexican citizen with no authority to be in the United States. Ramirez told the Inspector that the boy was her nephew and presented her own nephew's Arizona birth certificate. She also admitted she was not related to the boy, did not know his last name, and knew he had no legal authorization to be in the United States. Ramirez said she was hired by a woman named "Maria" to cross the boy into the United States and take him to Phoenix, where she would give the boy to Maria and claim \$1,000.

The investigation in this case was conducted by United States Customs and Border Protection, Nogales, Arizona. The prosecution was handled by Mary Sue Feldmeier, Assistant U.S. Attorney, District of Arizona, Tucson.

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